

CLAIMS

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A grass guard, comprising:
 - an inner sleeve;
 - a top surface extending radially from said sleeve; and
 - an outer wall extending from said top surface.
2. The guard of Claim 1, wherein said inner sleeve is defined by a top end and a bottom end and further forms a bore therebetween, said top surface extending from said bottom end.
3. The guard of Claim 2, wherein said top surface and said outer wall meet to form a top ridge.
4. The guard of Claim 3, wherein said top surface is sloped downward from said top ridge to said bottom end.
5. The guard of Claim 4, wherein said inner sleeve is further formed from a plurality of tabs extending upwardly from said bottom end.
6. The guard of Claim 5, wherein said outer wall has a circular cross section.
7. The guard of Claim 5, wherein said outer wall comprises a flat portion and a curved portion.
8. The guard of Claim 7, wherein said outer wall further comprises a second flat portion.
9. The guard of Claim 8, wherein said second flat portion is at a ninety degree angle to said first flat portion.

10. A device for attaching to below-ground sprinklers, said sprinklers having a subterranean can defining an outer circumference and a sprinkler assembly attached thereto, the device comprising:

an inner sleeve defining a bore formed therein to cooperate with said outer circumference such that said device can be slipped over said can;

a top surface extending radially from said sleeve; and

an outer wall extending from said top surface.

11. The guard of Claim 10, wherein said inner sleeve is defined by a top end and a bottom end and further forms a bore therebetween, said top surface extending from said bottom end.

12. The guard of Claim 11, wherein said top surface and said outer wall meet to form a top ridge.

13. The guard of Claim 12, wherein said top surface is sloped downward from said top ridge to said bottom end.

14. The guard of Claim 13, wherein said inner sleeve is further formed from a plurality of tabs extending upwardly from said bottom end.

15. The guard of Claim 14, further comprising means for clamping said inner sleeve to said sprinkler.

16. The guard of Claim 8, wherein said second flat portion is at a ninety degree angle to said first flat portion.

17. A combination sprinkler and grass guard comprising:

a sprinkler defined by a can and a sprinkler assembly attached thereto, said can defining an outer circumference; and

a guard attached to said sprinkler, said guard defined by an outer wall creating an interstitial gap around at least a portion of the outer circumference of said sprinkler.

18. The combination of Claim 17, wherein said guard comprises:

an inner sleeve defining a bore formed therein to cooperate with said outer circumference such that said guard can be slipped over said can;

a top surface extending radially from said sleeve; and

an outer wall extending from said top surface.

19. The combination of Claim 18, wherein said inner sleeve is defined by a top end and a bottom end and further forms a bore therebetween, said top surface extending from said bottom end.

20. The guard of Claim 19, wherein said top surface is sloped downward from said top ridge to said bottom end.